



CityScope

a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

March - April 2004
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Public Meeting Information

Reminders:

March is Disabilities
Awareness Month.

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April 17-25
is Valley Bike Week. For
more information go to
www.valleymetro.org or call
(602) 262-RIDE (7433).

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The Chandler Police
Department organizes
regular beat meetings for
Chandler neighbors. These
meetings cover the 14 dif-
ferent geographical areas in
Chandler. Want to find out
what beat you're in, or
information about the next
meeting? Go to
www.ChandlerPD.com and
click on Community
Programs, or call
(480) 782-4521.

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The Chandler Jazz Festival
presented by Wells Fargo,
returns to Downtown
Chandler April 16 & 17.
This year's headliner is
Dennis Rowland & The
Extreme Decibel Big Band.
Call (480) 782-2735
for more information.

The estimated population
for the City of Chandler as
of February 1, 2004, is
219,574.

InfoMap -- Just A Click Of A Mouse

Learn More About City Projects And Facilities

Chandler is making it easier for visitors to its Internet site to learn about City projects and facilities. The City's Web site, ChandlerAZ.gov, now includes a map that links to information about existing or planned facilities City officials believe may be of particular interest to the public.

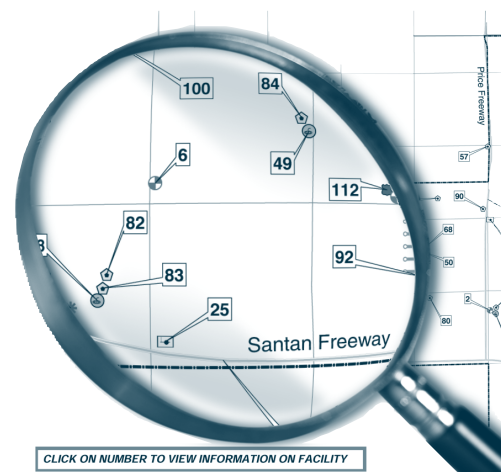
The map displays locations of City facilities such as fire stations, police substations, sewer lift stations, water storage tanks, wells, proposed plan expansions, the City's airport/heliport, freeways and more.

Much of the information comes from Chandler's Capital Improvement Program and the General Plan, which was approved by the public in November 2001. These documents have been and will continue to be available on the City's Web site.

The map is a work in progress; staff plans to regularly update and add information as it becomes available. Residents using this resource should expect some minor delays --

with more than 100 projects, aerial photos as well as narratives of current and future projects, downloading the documents takes time.

If you need information about a City-related project, and you're not sure where to turn, try the City's InfoLine, (480) 782-INFO (4636).



Roof Rats Venture East

It's been only two years since Valley residents began learning about a species of rat, not indigenous to the area, called a roof rat. The rodent began invading eastern areas of Phoenix, then Scottsdale, and most recently Tempe and Mesa. They are thought to have been carried into the state via vehicles from coastal regions, but officials can't be sure. And no one can predict where they'll turn up next.

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Department has recommended that even residents of cities without confirmed roof rat sightings should now consider taking precautions.

Prevention Tips:

- Keep garbage containers tightly covered.
- Store bulk foods in sealed, rat-proof containers.
- Do not leave pet food out, especially overnight.
- Promptly pick up any fallen fruit from citrus trees, etc.
- Harvest your citrus crops promptly and completely.

By following these recommendations, you can reduce the risk of an infestation. For additional tips and more information contact the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department at (602) 506-6616, or go to their Web site at www.maricopa.gov/envsvc.

2002-2003 City of Chandler Financial Report Summary

Dear Chandler Citizen:

This financial report summary provides information concerning the financial condition of the City of Chandler for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. This information is principally extracted from Chandler's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2003, upon which our auditors, Heinfeld Meech & Co., have issued their audit report.

In addition, I am pleased to inform you that Chandler has again received the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for our June 30, 2002 financial report. A copy of the award is included in the June 2003 CAFR and the City is proud to have received the award for the twenty-first consecutive year. The award is reflective of the City's commitment to provide citizens with a complete and fair presentation of our financial affairs. Copies of Chandler's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be obtained from the Management Services Department, 55 N. Arizona Place, Suite 201. The report can also be reviewed at either the City Clerk's Office, the Downtown Chandler Public Library or on the Web at www.ChandlerAZ.gov.

Also included in this financial report summary is information concerning Chandler's operating and capital budgets for the past and current fiscal year. Chandler's budgeted programs and services represent our commitment of allocating City resources to maintain citizens' quality of life and prosperity in our community. Budget resources are programmed to meet the day-to-day requirements of the City as well as to facilitate progress toward our long-range goals and programs. We will continue to provide our community with essential citizen services and fiscally conservative management of our finances.

Boyd W. Dunn
Mayor

The Fiscal Year 2003-04 Annual Budget and 2003-2008 Capital Improvement Program are available at the Chandler Public Libraries, on the City's Web site at www.ChandlerAZ.gov and at the Chandler Budget Office, located at 55 N. Arizona Pl., Suite 201. Call (480) 782-2254 for more information.

PROPERTY TAX

During the 2002-2003 fiscal year, you paid \$12.46 per \$100 of assessed valuation in property taxes. Of this rate, only \$1.28 or 10 percent was levied by the City of Chandler.

In 2003-2004, you will pay \$11.64 per \$100 of assessed valuation in property taxes, of which only \$1.28 or 11 percent is levied by the City of Chandler.

In other words, only 11 cents of each property tax dollar will be for City purposes in fiscal year 2003-2004.

Distribution of the 2002-2003 Property Tax Dollar:

0¢	19¢	70¢	11¢
State of Arizona	County, Flood Control and CAP	Chandler Unified School District & Maricopa Community College District	City of Chandler

For information on districts other than Chandler, call (480)782-2334.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

ASSETS

	June 30, 2003
Cash and Investments	\$478,749,044
Receivables	22,367,947
Inventories	1,516,075
Restricted Assets	1,181,734
Capital Assets, net	633,872,450
Other Assets	4,553,929
Total Assets	\$1,142,241,179

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	44,403,508
Deferred Revenue	4,284,502
Bonds and Loan Payable	345,648,936
Other Liabilities	15,118,792
Total Liabilities	\$409,455,738

NET ASSETS

Invested in Capital Assets	288,223,514
Restricted	154,310,013
Unrestricted	290,251,914
Total Net Assets	\$732,785,441

GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2002
Land	\$42,722,438	\$38,064,444
Infrastructure and Streets	82,267,527	30,842,362
Buildings and Improvements	92,034,810	70,193,877
Machinery and Equipment	27,394,993	21,075,677
Construction in Progress	26,800,162	42,092,757
	\$271,219,930	\$202,269,117

SUMMARY OF GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY

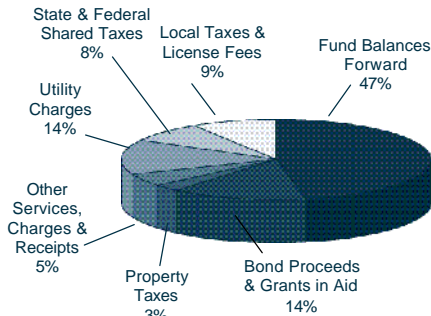
	June 30, 2002	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2003
General Government	\$ 21,684,514	\$ 794,817	\$ (25,997)	\$ 22,453,334
Public Safety	35,040,857	8,896,828	(120,419)	43,817,266
Community Services	54,976,655	22,682,820	(20,787)	77,638,688
Community Development	5,535,183	16,494	-	5,551,677
Public Works	42,939,151	52,027,610	(7,958)	94,958,803
Construction in Progress	42,092,757	41,692,740	(56,985,335)	26,800,162
	\$202,269,117	\$126,111,309	\$ (57,160,496)	\$ 271,219,930

2002-2003 City of Chandler Financial Report Summary (cont.)

City of Chandler Budget for Fiscal Year 2002-2003

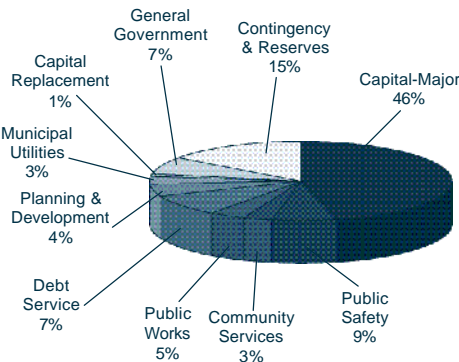
Where the Money Comes From:

Local Taxes & License Fees	\$ 58,616,020
State & Federal Shared Taxes	50,980,131
Utility Charges	87,065,507
Other Services, Charges & Receipts	33,610,340
Property Taxes	17,126,336
Bond Proceeds & Grants in Aid	83,707,628
Fund Balances Forward	287,944,521
Total	\$ 619,050,483



Where the Money Goes:

General Government	\$ 44,946,022
Community Services	21,425,732
Planning & Development Services	23,433,632
Public Safety	57,349,120
Public Works	28,236,562
Municipal Utilities	16,837,337
Capital Replacement	4,657,535
Debt Service	42,112,829
Contingency & Reserves	91,630,539
Capital - Major	288,421,175
Total	\$ 619,050,483



SUMMARY OF 2003-04 BUDGETED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

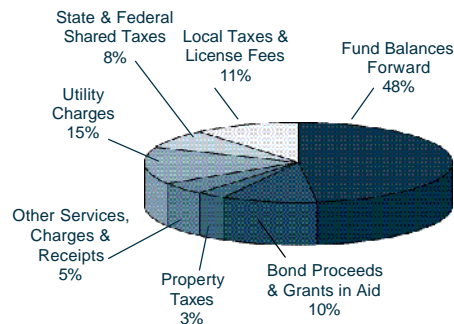
General Government	\$ 0
Community Services	
Parks	16,344,802
Public Safety	
Police	5,822,254
Fire	2,687,475
Municipal Utilities	
Solid Waste	5,993,300
Water	43,874,400
Wastewater	13,053,310
Public Works	
Streets/Traffic	41,563,400
Airport	4,594,500

\$133,933,441

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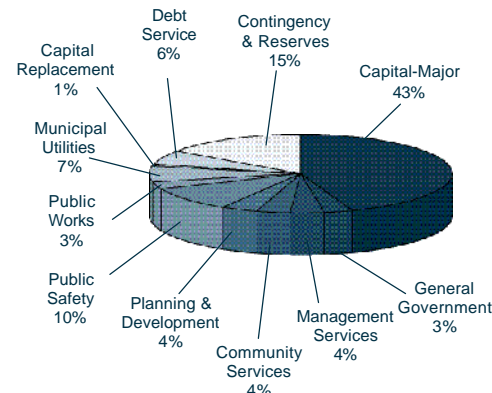
Where the Money Comes From:

Local Taxes & License Fees	\$ 63,346,981
State & Federal Shared Taxes	49,238,443
Utility Charges	93,092,101
Other Services, Charges & Receipts	32,891,390
Property Taxes	20,764,445
Bond Proceeds & Grants in Aid	60,336,836
Fund Balances Forward	287,700,429
Total	\$ 607,370,625



Where the Money Goes:

General Government	\$ 19,793,561
Management Services	21,311,964
Community Services	22,213,080
Planning & Development Services	23,429,150
Public Safety	61,106,368
Public Works	17,728,770
Municipal Utilities	39,989,692
Capital Replacement	4,584,897
Debt Service	35,546,789
Contingency & Reserves	92,366,976
Capital - Major	269,299,378
Total	\$ 607,370,625



Satisfaction Remains High

Once again, Chandler residents have given their municipal government high overall marks, including an "Excellent" rating of 41.3 percent (based on August 2003 survey results.) The overall satisfaction rating (combined responses of "Excellent," "Good," or "Satisfactory") is at 98.3 percent. This matches the highest overall satisfaction rate in the history of the survey. Detailed survey results are available at ChandlerAZ.gov.

The City of Chandler staff will continue to look for ways to improve services for Chandler residents and your feedback and support are appreciated. If you have any questions, please call the Communications & Public Affairs Department at (480) 782-4636.

The City of Chandler does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities.

Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the rights provided thereunder, are available from the ADA coordinator, Marian Stanley.

The Chandler Ostrich Festival takes place March 12-14. Admission fees are as follows: \$3 for adults (\$6 after 6 p.m.), \$2 for seniors, \$1 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free.

Comments (please print)

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Zip _____ Phone: _____



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